distribution under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is of Fair Average Quality (FAQ). Quality control measures such as joint sampling system etc. are also followed. Under TPDS the foodgrains are made available to the below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya families at highly subsidized rates of about 45% and 78% of the economic cost of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) respectively. The Central Issue Prices (CIP) for BPL families has not been revised after 25.7.2000.

(b) The Central Government is supplying wheat, rice, kerosene and sugar for distribution through the PDS. Some States also distribute additional items of mass consumption such as cloth, exercise books, pulses, salt, tea etc. through the Fair Price Shops.

MSP to farmers of Orissa

1750. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all crops is now paid to the farmers of Orissa who have almost lost their livelihood as a result of consecutive natural calamities;

(b) if not, the crops for which the MSP is paid; and

(c) whether in addition to paddy, other crops are also collected by the FCI in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) The MSPs for 14 crops including paddy are announced by the Government for the Khariff Season each year. The FCI is undertaking price support operations only for paddy in Orissa.

BIS satandards for mineral water

1751. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIS gave licences to Mineral Water Companies in accordance to the standards formulated by it;